

Claim Amendments:

Please revise the claims of record, namely, claims 1-8, in the following manner:

Claims:

1. (Previously presented) A support structure for a tool comprising

- (a) a boom or arm for supporting the tool,
- (b) a pendulum pivot supporting the tool with respect to the boom or arm in a manner which allows the tool to pendulate,
- (c) self monitoring and operating dampening means for controlling the pendulation of the tool on the pendulum pivot with respect to the boom or arm.

2. (Previously presented) A support structure for a tool according to claim 1 wherein the pendulum pivot comprises a first pivoted link supporting the tool from the boom and enabling it to swing in a first plane and a second pivoted link on a second plane at right angles to the first plane, and wherein the dampening means controls the pendulation of the tool relative to the boom in either plane.

3. (Previously presented) A support structure for a tool according to claim 2 wherein the first pivoted link comprises a frame having two spaced lugs joined by a cross member, the lugs being pivotably connected to a yoke which provides a second pivotal link comprising a frame extending from the tool which is pivotably connected to said pair of spaced plates.

4. (Currently amended) A support structure for a tool according to ~~any one of the claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1 wherein the dampening means ~~comprise~~ comprises rotary hydraulic actuators wherein pivot connections of the pendulum pivot are coupled to a rotor of the rotary hydraulic actuators.

5. (Previously presented) A support structure for a tool according to claim 4 wherein the dampening means includes a rotary

hydraulic actuator coupled to each pivot connection of the dampening means.

6. (Currently amended) A support structure for a tool according to ~~either claim 4 or claim 5~~ wherein the rotary hydraulic actuators are sealed and include a closed-loop of hydraulic fluid that serves to dampen the rotation of the pivots.

7. (Currently amended) A support structure for a tool according to ~~any one of claims 4 to 6~~ claim 4 wherein the rotary hydraulic actuators includes grooves or flutes in the rotor housing, rotor, end plate of the motor, and/or in the pivoted connection.

8. (Previously presented) A method of dampening using a hydraulic rotary actuator the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) coupling a rotary hydraulic actuator to a pivot connection, static or rotating element of a device,
- (b) adapting the rotary hydraulic actuator to provide varying rotary resistance to the connection, or static or rotary element of the device.